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TAGS: CGEN, PDIP, CU

SUBJECT: MINREX QUESTIONS USINT NOTORIAL NOMENCLATURE

REF: HAVANA 1062

1. CUBAN DESK OFFICER HAS DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF NOTARIAL STAMPS WITH CUBAN CONSUL ESCARTIN. IT INDEED APPEARS THAT MINREX NOTE BASED ON DEEPER QUESTIONS OF RECIPROCITY. ESCARTIN SAYS HE HAS DISCUSSED QUESTION WITH MINREX LEGAL DEPARTMENT, AND CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS AN IMBALANCE BETWEEN LANGUAGE CUBAINT USES AND THAT USED BY USINT. ESCARTIN, WHO IS VERY SENSITIVE IN SUCH MATTERS, ALSO TENDS TO NOT BE VERY PRECISE AND WE DO NOT KNOW IF HIS OBJECTION IS TO LANGUAGE SAYING "CONSUL OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" OR PHRASE "COMMISSIONED AND QUALIFIED", OR BOTH. HE DID SAY THAT NORMAL CUBAN NOTORIAL SEAL "SAYS REPUBLIC OF CUBA" BUT THAT PHRASE HAS BEEN DROPPED ON CUBAINT'S SPECIAL SEAL WHICH SIMPLY READS "CUBAN INTERESTS SECTION".

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2. ESCARTIN HAS INDICATED THAT CUBANS WOULD POSSIBLY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO USINT USE OF ITS REGULAR SEAL IF CUBAINT OFFICERS WERE ALLOWED TO USE THEIR REGULAR SEAL. WE HAVE ASKED FOR SAMPLE OF THAT SEAL AND WILL MAKE DECISION AS TO

VALIDITY OF ITS USE UPON RECEIPT.

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